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§4-415.1.

(a) At any reasonable time, to carry out duties under this subtitle, a representative of the Department may enter any oil storage facility or vessel or barge in or entering upon the waters of the State to discharge or receive a cargo of any bulk oil:

- (1) To inspect the vessel, barge, or oil storage facility;
- (2) To obtain water, air, or soil samples; and
- (3) To measure the volume and kinds of substances that are received or stored.

(b) The Department may enter any property and assume control of any oil spill situation when it determines that a responsible party is not:

- (1) Acting promptly to remove the spill; or
- (2) Undertaking removal or mitigation in a manner appropriate to control or rectify the conditions causing the condition.

(c) If entry is denied under this section, the Secretary may seek an injunction to enter the facility or property.

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